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SUBJECT: JUDICAL ASSISTANCE: UNITED STATES V. HANFF

REF: STATE 303909

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A NOTE
DATED DECEMBER 23, 1977, WHICH THE EMBASSY
HAS RECEIVED FROM THE POLISH MINISTRY OF POLISH AFFAIRS.

A. BEGIN TEXT: RECORDS OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN CZESTO-
CHOWA DO NOT CONTAIN EITHER THE BIRTH RECORD OF MR. KONSTANTY
ZYGFRYD HANFF, OR ANY DATA WHICH PROVE THAT MR. HANFF RESIDED
IN CZESTOCHOWA. THE LACK OF DIRECT EVIDENCE OF MR. HANFF'S
RESIDENT IN CZESTOCHOWA COULD BE A RESULT OF MR. HANFF'S CONNECTIONS
WITH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, WHO SUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO MASK
AND HIDE PERSONS COOPERATING WITH THEM. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED
HOWEVER, THAT, AFTER THE WAR, MR. HANFF USED A
COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE
IN WARSAW-SRODMIESCIE. THIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE, INDICATING THAT HE WAS
BORN IN CZESTOCHOWA ON NOVEMBER 2, 1926, WAS ISSUED ON THE BASIS
OF A DECISION BY THE COUNTY COURT IN WALBRZYCH ON JANUARY 12, 1954,
FILE NO. 2393/1953 (RECONSTRUCTION OF A BIRTH RECORD BY THE COURT).
AN ABRIDGED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE IS ENCLOSED.
THE DELAY IN THE DELIVERY OF THIS INFORMATION WAS CAUSED BY THE
NECESSITY OF CONDUCTING A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE RECORDS IN
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CZESTOCHOWA.

B. THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT A FURTHER
SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE OF MR. HANFF'S COOPERATION WITH THE OCCUPYING
FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II IS CONTINUING. THE EMBASSY WILL BE
INFORMED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THIS SEARCH. END TEXT.

2. THE ENCLOSED -ABDRIDGED COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE,"
ISSUED DECEMBER 21, 1977, BY THE CIVIL STATUS OFFICE OF WARSAW-
CENTER ((WARSAWA-SRODNIECIE), RECORDS THE BIRTH OF
KONSTANTY ZYGFRYD HANFF ON NOVEMBER 2, 1926, IN
CZESTOCHOWA, THE SON OF PAWEL HANFF AND MARIA GAZALABOW.

3. THE ORIGINAL NOTE, TOGETHER WITH THE "ABRDIGED COPY OF
A BORTH CERTIFICATE," IS BEING SENT TO L/EUR.

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